

International Collaboration in Fire Weather Research Workshop

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Shortly after the International Wildland Fire Conference in Sydney, the Australian Bureau of Meteorology hosted the “Workshop on International Collaboration in Fire Weather Research” in Melbourne on October 9-10, 2003. Rick Ochoa, National Fire Weather Program Manager, represented the BLM at this conference which focused on common fire weather research needs and identifying opportunities for collaborative research. Specific topics included weather forecasting, smoke transport, fire behavior, climate and an economic analysis of fire weather services. Rick made a presentation to the twenty-six delegates on Predictive Services and also co-chaired a session on decision support systems and end user impacts. Overall, the meeting was a successful first step in developing an international approach to fire weather research.

